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*Western Australia and Queensland declared free from plague.*

[Telegrams.]

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POST-OFFICE TELEGRAPHS,  
*Victoria, October 13, 1904.*

CONSUL-GENERAL UNITED STATES, *Melbourne*: Western Australia declared free from plague 10th instant. Last case occurred 26th August.

G. H. REID.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
POST-OFFICE TELEGRAPHS, *VICTORIA, October 24, 1904.*

CONSUL-GENERAL UNITED STATES, *Melbourne*:

Have to inform you that Queensland was declared free from plague 22d instant. Last case 15th September.

G. H. REID.

BRAZIL.

*Case suspected of being plague removed from S. S. Austria at Rio de Janeiro bound for Ship Island, Miss., via Barbados.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports as follows November 1, 1904:

The British bark *Austria* left this port November 1 for Ship Island, Miss., via Barbados, for orders. This vessel I inspected yesterday and at inspection found a case suspicious of plague, and reported the fact to the authorities. The man was removed at once for observation, the forecastle disinfected, clothing and bedding destroyed, etc.

CUBA.

*Health report of the island of Cuba for July, 1904.*

Chargé d'Affaires Sleeper reports to the Secretary of State as follows:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Habana Cuba, November 9, 1904.*

The total mortality in the district of Habana during July, 1904, amounted to 521, 53 less deaths than in the preceding thirty-one days, but 63 more than in the corresponding month of 1903. Infant mortality is the principal cause of this increase over last year, deaths of children under 5 years of age having risen from 148 in July, 1903, to 215 this year. The large percentage of infant mortality in Cuba has been frequently called to the attention of the Department in these reports.

The health of the island in general continues satisfactory. During July no cases of yellow fever nor of smallpox either originated on the island or were imported.

Seventy-four districts sent in their reports, representing an approximate population of 1,548,168, with 2,250 deaths, equivalent to an

annual death rate of 17.2 per thousand of population, a decrease of 1.9 over the preceding month. The births registered amounted to 6,229, thus showing a gain of about 4,000 in the population.

*Concerning cases of yellow fever at Punta de Sal.*

HABANA, November 24, 1904.

Surgeon-General WYMAN,

*Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, Washington, D. C.:*

Since case of Fuller, notified last month, another mild case, Slater, who tended former [at] Punta de Sal, occurred 1st November. No other up to date. First Guiteras, afterwards Agramonte, besides disinfection personnel, sent both times from Habana.

FINLAY.

*Report from Cienfuegos—Vessels inspected.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillán reports November 22 as follows:

During the week ended November 19, 1904, three vessels were inspected at this port, and bills of health issued, with a total crew of 88, and 195 steerage passengers, in transit for Santiago de Cuba. All vessels were in good sanitary condition and no sickness. No quarantinable disease has been reported at this port during this week.

I heard that there is a case of scarlet fever at the town of Lajas, 27 miles distant from here, and a suspected case of diphtheria in this city.

*Reports from Habana—Mortuary statistics.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports November 16 and 23 as follows:

Report of transactions during the week ended November 12, 1904:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	22
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	336
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	819
Pieces of freight passed.....	875

The usual weekly mortuary of Habana is inclosed herewith.

*Mortuary report at Habana during the week ended November 12, 1904.*

Disease	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis.....	14
Meningitis.....	6
Bronchitis.....	1
Pneumonia.....	6
Cancer.....	2
Enteritis.....	1

Total number of deaths from all causes, 90.

Transactions during the week ended November 19, 1904:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	21
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,020
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	703
Pieces of freight passed.....	388

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